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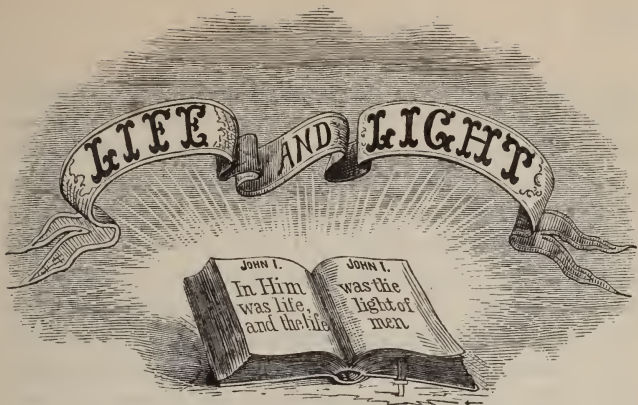
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TURKEY.

PROGRESS IN SIVAS.

BY MRS. S. D. RIGGS.

I WOULD like to tell the readers of "Life and Light" about the missionary work among the women in Sivas: for we need your prayers, dear friends; and how can you pray without knowing something of our necessities? I want to write you what I have seen, and what the Lord has done, that you may rejoice with us, and pray for us.

When we first came here, five years ago, there were never more than three women in the weekly female prayer-meetings; and in the spring, when the missionary ladies were unable to attend them, they were given up entirely. Now we have a regular attendance of eight or nine women, besides the ladies of the mission, the girls' school, and often a half-dozen or more strangers. Our numbers are still

very small, as you see ; but the meetings are quite regularly sustained, and just as much so when a missionary is not there. Five years ago, very few of the women could answer intelligently a simple question on religious topics. They could use devout exclamations, such as, "The Lord have mercy!" "Glory to God!" "I have sinned;" "We are sinners;" but very few of them could give a clear statement of the way of salvation ; and I am afraid not more than one of them had any experimental knowledge of the love of Jesus. Now it is delightful to hear one and another tell of their feelings, and urge their companions to "taste, and see that the Lord is good."

The other day one of the women in leading the meeting said, "Salvation is ready for us ; Jesus Christ has died for us all : but we shall not be saved, unless we ourselves, by faith, accept of his salvation. We may try to do right, and to conquer our sins ; but it is all in vain, unless we have Christ in us to help us. We are so weak, that all our good resolutions are useless, unless we have his strength to carry them out." Another said in her prayer, "Help us not to *wish* that we could find thee, and be always asking thee to come to us ; for as thou hast said, 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there *am* I in the midst of them,' we may know that thou *art* already with us in this very room." These sweet words encourage us greatly, as they show much thought and feeling on the part of the women. Many of them, by great efforts, have lately learned to read, at the same time caring for two or three children, and doing all the housework in their families.

Last week I conducted a meeting in a part of the city where we seldom go. The room was not more than ten feet by five, with one small window in it pasted up tight, and two small air-holes broken through the wall, but, fortunately, with two doors open. Into this room crowded

the women as close as they could sit on the floor; and, when there was no more room, they stood three or four deep in the door, and peered in through the windows. We waited a few minutes for some of the Protestant women to come in, and meanwhile were talked about by the strangers. "Do they always go with their faces open in that way?" "Don't they ever bind them up?" "But don't they consider it a shame to go so?" "Are they girls, or are they married?" "What sort of a thing is that they have on their heads?" "Do they speak Armenian?" "What are they talking now?" "Have they a language of their own?" Their questions were loud and noisy; and there was none too much respect in their tone. At last I said, "We are going to pray now, and to read the word of God; and we will be much obliged to you if you will keep still, that all may hear what is said." Then commenced a "hushing;" each woman telling her neighbor to be quiet, making quite a din in the room for a moment; but it was soon over, and we could begin. Strangers, never think of being silent during prayer in our meetings. A side remark in a loud whisper is not at all out of place in their eyes; and, if necessary, speaking aloud is not thought wrong in the least. Among the Protestant women we see an improvement in this respect; and the more thoughtful not only refrain from speaking themselves during the whole meeting, but they keep their children still also.

This meeting was rather disturbed; and I feared but little had been accomplished, till, after several had left the room, the opportunity was given for remarks or prayer. Then Anna Hatoon, one of our oldest Protestant women, — who, though unable to read, and quite ignorant, is, we believe, a growing Christian, — began to speak warm, earnest words, which came right from her heart. She has never spoken in one of our meetings before, although she

often leads in prayer. Now she poured out her heart to those women,—told them what a joy it was to believe in Christ, and rest in him, and begged them to seek that they might find him. She told her own experience, and besought them to do as she had done, that they might have the same peace. Her words were eloquent with feeling; and the women listened eagerly and attentively, while not a word was spoken. She talked to them in their own language,—the language of the common people, uncouth and ungrammatical; but they understood her: she reached their hearts, and, I feel sure, did them good.

Our sabbath-afternoon Bible-class for the women is well attended. There are about twenty present every Sunday, who give excellent attention, and answer questions very thoughtfully. Our sabbath congregations are steadily good. Every seat on the man's side, and nearly every one on the woman's side, is full: sometimes they are obliged to sit on the floor. Now, dear friends, we are encouraged; but we feel that this advance in the work in Sivas is not due to us at all: it is the Lord answering the prayers which have been offered so many years for poor, cold, dead Sivas. The dry bones are stirring; they are coming together; they are being clothed with flesh. Oh, pray that the Lord would breathe on them with his Spirit, that they may truly live! that here there may arise a glorious army to battle for the Lord!

“From the far west, e'en to the gates of day,
 The standards of the cross have been unfurled;
 And now, o'er all the wide, sea-circled world,
 Bristle the gathering ranks of truth's array.

“Lord of all power and might, lead thou us on!
 If thou but lead us, who shall dare withstand?
 Come, mighty King of kings; and every land
 Shall own thine universal, endless throne.”

AFRICA.

WORK AMONG THE KRAALS.

BY MISS G. R. HANCE.

MISS HANCE, who is doing important but often discouraging pioneer work among the *kraals* in and around Umvoti, sends us the following glimpses of light in her dark surroundings: —

“My Bible-woman, Upathlekaze, is a married woman, has been a member of the church for a long time, and is much respected by all. For a while after I decided to get her to aid me, I did not tell her what I wished, but used every means available to interest her in those about her. At last I said, ‘I feel that we must have meetings in the *kraals* for the women: will you go with me?’ She was very much astonished, and replied, ‘It will do no good. You don’t know how hard their hearts are.’ We tried it, however, and were able to gather a few together; and the interest has increased, till we now have meetings in several directions from the station. At one meeting I appoint the place for the next; and the hut is always made as neat as possible, mats being spread on the floor for us to sit on. When the room is full, we sing and pray; and then the women relate all they can remember of what was said at the previous meeting. This is often the most gratifying part of the exercises. I am sure you would think so, if you could see their animated faces when they are able to recall what they have heard of God’s word. I asked Upathlekaze, one day, ‘Do you remember what you said before we began these meetings? What do you think now?’ — ‘Oh!’ she answered, ‘my heart is rejoiced: I did not think they would consent as they have.’

“My four schools, the past year, have given me very

great cause for thankfulness. I can see an increased desire to come to school for the sake of learning. The parents seem more interested to keep the children in school; and the children are helping me to reach the parents. I give to each child who attends school regularly one garment a year. The girls come together on Saturday afternoon to sew; and last season more than fifty made their own dresses. To all *kraal* children who learn to read in the Testament, and who will come to church, I give an extra Sunday garment. These they feel as proud to win as any child in a civilized land. The happiest look I have ever seen on the face of any heathen mother has been when she has heard her child recite what it has learned, or has seen it reading from the mysterious book.

“There are three more good openings for schools near Umvoti. Some of the chief men from these places have expressed a desire to have their children taught; but I feel very much the need of help in work of this kind. I need more faith. Will you not pray for me?”

Our Work at Home.

RUTLAND MEETING.

IN the Baptist Church at Rutland, Vt., the Woman's Board of Missions held their sixth public meeting in connection with the annual session of the A. B. C. F. M. The church was densely packed, the audience deeply interested; and the exercises were conducted in a manner corresponding with the dignity and solemnity of the occasion. Ladies from the Congregational Church in Rutland

chanted the Twenty-fourth Psalm, when Mrs. ALBERT BOWKER, President, read from the Scriptures the account of the birth of Christ, remarking that there being no room for him in the inn was an emblem of his reception since, as he has been coming by his Spirit to claim the hearts of the children of men. Never again will Christ come to us in his physical presence, seeking room in our sanctuaries, our cities, our villages; but he is ever near us by his spiritual presence, identifying himself with every benighted, sinful soul. Whether nigh, at our very doors, or afar off in the region and shadow of death, he bids us make room for them in Zion, and declare to them the gospel's saving power, saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

After prayer by Mrs. GULLIVER, a cordial welcome to the Board was given in behalf of the Vermont Branch, by its President, Mrs. LUTHER DANIELS, who said, "In the name of the Vermont Branch, I welcome you most heartily to our State. We wish you to know what a goodly heritage we have in this small but evergreen part of our land; to look upon our gorgeous scenery, breathe our mountain-air, and drink our pure water; but, above all, we trust, as you mingle with us in our homes, that you may learn more of the love and sympathy which we feel for you in the glorious work which has brought you together. We cannot entertain you as we would, our hearts being larger than our homes; but such as we have, we give cheerfully, lovingly, heartily." Mrs. Daniels reported for the year an advance from fourteen to forty-eight in the number of their auxiliaries, and contributions amounting to more than two thousand dollars, and concluded by inviting ladies present to a reception to be given in the evening by the Vermont Branch.

As Mrs. Daniels took her seat, the response which she

had awakened in all hearts came up from as many voices ; and the ready stanza, —

“Blest be the tie that binds,” &c.,

was never more heartily attuned to Old Boylston than then.

Mrs. Dr. ANDERSON, in behalf of the Board, acknowledged the pleasure derived from the hospitable kindness of friends who so recently had been strangers, and alluded to the higher enjoyments of Christian fellowship, which lift the soul above all worldly enjoyment. “Gathering as sisters,” said she, “in a meeting of our Woman’s Board, our sympathies are united in one great object, and that an object in which Heaven is interested, need we wonder if our love is warm and sincere, and our hearts glow with a holy enthusiasm? This is Christian fellowship, union with one another, union with Christ, and, may I not add, union with friends in heaven?” In this connection, Mrs. Anderson referred to the late Mrs. Page of Rutland, through whose faithful labors, even while in feeble health, the foundation of the work in Vermont had been laid. She added, “To the members of this Branch is given the privilege of continuing the work which she began, to cultivate the field more thoroughly, to sow the seed more abundantly, with the assurance that sowers and reapers will yet rejoice together over the rich harvests which will be gathered.”

Greetings from the Woman’s Board of the Interior were offered by Mrs. FRANCIS BRADLEY, who said that it was with peculiar pleasure that she came to this grand old State, and beheld the royal reception given to the American Board. They had planned and begun large things at the West: their great obstacle to success was found in the indifference of Christian women to the dying command of the Saviour. One hundred new auxiliaries had been organized during the year; and their receipts had reached fifteen thousand

dollars. In view of the discussions of the day previous, in reference to retrenchment, she wished to pledge the co-operation of the W. B. M. I. in the great work.

Miss CHILD, Home Secretary W. B. M., reported, that, since the meeting in New Haven, State Branches, each with quite a large number of auxiliaries, had been formed in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island; while similar societies were soon to be organized in the State of New York, in Canada, a second one in Connecticut, and a county branch in Hampden County, Massachusetts. Regular receipts had steadily increased; and the success of the extra effort to raise fifty thousand dollars for the Constantinople Home was assured, although quite a sum still remains to be raised. The magazine, "Life and Light," had changed from a quarterly to a monthly, and the subscription-list enlarged from seventy-five hundred to thirteen thousand. The number of missionaries had advanced from thirty-seven to forty-eight, and the number of schools from eleven to thirty. Mention was made of the zealous co-operation of the children in the churches; and the Report closed with an urgent request for greater effort in behalf of the society.

Mrs. BATES, Treasurer W. B. M., represented the finances of the Board as in an encouraging condition; the total receipts for nine months having been,—

For the general fund	\$28,224 07
For Constantinople Home	6,313 57
For "Life and Light"	4,945 53
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Total	\$36,483 17

In closing her Report, Mrs. Bates thanked the Vermont Branch for their substantial contributions to the treasury, and referred to the earnest appeal of Mrs. Bartlett at the meeting in New Haven, two years ago, for increased effort in mission-work, and a fresh consecration of heart to that purpose.

Mrs. BURDETT HART, President, here pledged the New Haven Branch for ten thousand dollars the ensuing year, and called upon such members as were present to ratify her pledge. By writing letters, sending leaflets, and now and then an apostolic tour, going with a missionary from town to town, they hoped to reach the eleven thousand female members of churches in their connection. An interesting letter was read by Mrs. D. C. SCUDDER, Corresponding Secretary, from Miss Rappleye, describing an examination of the school at the Constantinople Home, and surprising most of the auditors by her account of the educational proficiency attained by the pupils.

Miss CLOSSON of Cesaræa, who left this country seven years ago, before the W. B. M. was organized, said that the interest now manifested would strengthen her as she went back to her work. Could she return seven years hence, what had been already done, she was confident, would seem like nothing. Alluding to the dreadful famine at their mission-station, she said the people were suffering from a worse famine, although they knew it not, and asked if we could withhold from them the bread of life. "You have no idea," said Miss Closson, "what *retrench* means on missionary ground: if you could see its disastrous effects, you would make any sacrifice to prevent it." She requested every lady present to go home and join an auxiliary, or form one, and wished that the young people might realize what a privilege it is to go to those who ask, "*Why have we not heard of this before?*"

The girls in their schools go immediately to work: the women in prayer-meeting do not wait for each other. "Of course," they answer, "if we love Christ, we shall have something to say for him." With the same devotion, let those who are more favored, realizing that they have but one life to live, give themselves to the saving of this generation: the children will work for the next.

Mrs. BRUCE, from Ahmednuggur, invited the audience to go with her, in imagination, to another meeting (the Annual Meeting of the Marathi mission), soon to take place on the other side of the globe. "Already," said she, "the missionaries and native helpers are planning and praying for it, that there may be a descent of the Holy Spirit. Oh, how fragrant will be the memories of dear Mrs. Ballantine, at that anniversary! How many of those pastors' and teachers' wives, whom she has educated in her school, will rise up and call her blessed! Is it not worth a life spent on heathen shores for such a reward even? The native pastor, Ramkrishnapunt, who presides, was once a proud Brahmin, but now lays his tribute at Jesus' feet." Mrs. Bruce had received a letter from this man, and asked leave to read an extract, as the loyalty to the Master which it breathes is fitted to inspire us all. Speaking of the government service which he had left, he says, "My pension is above, near Christ, my Lord; and I want to be spent in his service till he calls me up to rest. Ask Mr. Bruce to tell everywhere, when he preaches or speaks, that our want is neither of money nor missionaries from your country, so much as the influence of the Spirit showering upon us and the people to whom we preach." Mrs. Bruce closed by repeating some lines which came under her eye before going to India, trusting that they might find a response in some heart whose whole resources are waiting to be developed on heathen ground: —

"Winds of heaven to me are wafting
 Mourning voices, faint and low,
 Asking for the bread of heaven,
 How to shun eternal woe:
 'Come and save us: '
 Shall I, Lord, be one to go?

When I hear this cry of anguish
 Floating over land and sea.

When I think of Christ my Saviour,
 Bleeding, dying, on the tree,
 Let me answer,
 'Here am I: O Lord! send me.'

A very strong and touching appeal* to the Christian women of America, from Miss Andrews of the North China mission, who was not able to be present at the meeting, was here read by Mrs. Gulliver, when Mrs. MELLEEN of South Africa said, "If I could present to you the scenes with which we daily meet, many of you would wonder how we can live and be as happy as we are among them. But, my sisters, we know that we are working for Christ: that reconciles us to the life we lead and the sacrifices we make. When discouraged by finding our physical strength unequal to the demands upon us, we are strengthened by hearing of your efforts to aid, of your prayers in our behalf, and sympathy for us. There has never been a time since the gospel was preached to the heathen, when the influence of our sex could accomplish more good than at present. May we all from this favored height of Zion consecrate ourselves afresh, and labor with our might to bring others to the knowledge of Christ!"

Miss PARK, from Bennington, Vt., brought from Micronesia, which she had visited, a request for two missionaries to assist Mrs. Snow, and presented the greetings of the Woman's Board of the Pacific Islands, located at Honolulu, with some account of their work.

Miss WEST, from Turkey, described, in her peculiarly interesting manner, a wedding in the land of Ararat, and the subsequent cruelty of the husband, till by the grace of God he became meek as a lamb. Under the influence of the gospel, there were now many Christian family groups, where the mother gathers her children about her for the

* To be published in a future number.

evening prayer, and the father carries the baby as he never would have done in the olden time. The women give of their jewels, placed upon their persons by parents as their only dowry, and which they highly value; for, when a woman in Turkey gives herself to Christ, she gives her jewels also.

Our limits will admit of only the closing words of Miss West's thrilling address, which were as follows: "Christian workers at home, middle-aged, maidens, and children, go on with your work. Girdle the globe with your prayers. Break your alabaster boxes of precious ointment on the head which was once crowned with thorns, and upon the feet which were nailed to the cruel cross for us."

Mrs. N. G. CLARK then presented a request from the American Board for five more missionary ladies, — two for Japan, one (a medical lady) for the Constantinople Home, and two for Austria; and asked the prayers of the audience that they might be speedily found; and with a final consecrating prayer the meeting adjourned.

MRS. J. A. COPP, *Recording Secretary.*

MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

THE Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions went up to Middletown, N.Y., to hold its annual meeting in connection with the New Jersey Association, Oct. 14 and 15. This stretching to the utmost borders of the Association was used as an occasion to "sow seed," trusting it will soon bear to the branch a hundred-fold, by bringing quick tidings of a Middletown auxiliary, the earnest of many others.

Our strong grasp on the President, Mrs. Burdett Hart, was loosened, to let her go to a similar field of labor in the

New Haven Branch, with a mutual blessing. Accepting, unanimously, Mrs. Ray Palmer of Newark, N.J., as Mrs. Hart's successor, we look forward very hopefully under our new leadership. Three new auxiliaries were reported, giving us now twenty-seven auxiliaries and mission-circles; our hopes and desires accepting no limit to the number to be included.

Our right of primogeniture was acknowledged in a kind letter of greeting from the "Mother Board" at Boston; and sisterly words of affection and encouragement came to us from the kindred in New Haven and elsewhere. A friendly invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of the Interior, at St. Louis, was accompanied by a letter, expressing interest and sympathy in the common work. The last year's receipts amount to \$2,150; thus redeeming our pledges to Miss Proctor and her school at Aintab, and to Miss Gouldy in Japan. May still greater efforts bring larger returns!

ANNA P. HALSEY, *Cor. Sec.*

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM SEPT. 18 TO OCT. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

Maine Branch. — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas., Machias, Aux., \$12; West Falmouth, Aux., \$14.50; "Auburn Mission-Circle," \$42.13; South Bridgeton, Cong. S.S. towards pupil in Mardin, \$16; Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., "Bangor Rills," \$5; Searsport, Aux., \$8.21; Bath, "Central Ch. Mission-Circle," \$25; Farmington, Aux., \$15; Waterville, Aux., \$22; Dennysville S.S., \$20; Deer Isle, Aux., \$15, \$194 84

<i>Kennebunk.</i> — Ladies of Cong. Union Ch. and Soc'y,	\$24 45
Total,	\$219 29

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Hampshire Branch. — Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas., Nashua, Aux. (of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. James S. Black), \$32.85; "Messenger Birds," \$4; Merrimac coll., \$26.20; Centre Harbor, Aux., \$7.50; Stratham, Aux., \$23.75; Lempster, Aux., \$9;

Peterborough, Aux., \$12.10; "Willing Hearts," \$1.17; Mt. Vernon, Aux., \$28; Claremont, "Merry Workers," to const. L. M.'s Miss C. Isabella Dutton, Miss Sarah C. Boynton, \$50; Thank-offering by Mrs. Edward L. Goddard to const. L. M. Mrs. John Haven, jun., of Malden, Mass., \$25; Bedford, Aux., \$12; Raymond, Aux., \$12; Hampstead, Aux., \$13; Chester, Aux., \$20.30; Bristol, Aux., \$16.25; North Hampton, Aux., \$15; Kingston, Aux., \$13.50; Kensington, "Willing Workers," \$5; Alton, Aux., \$1.75; Salem, Aux., \$8.50; "Raindrops," \$2; New Market, Aux., \$20; Meredith Village, Aux., \$9; Derry, 1st Ch., Aux., \$75; Hollis, Aux., \$25; Claremont, Aux., \$13.85; S. S. Missy's Concert, \$4.15. Total, \$491.87. Of this am't, \$290 have been appropriated to the sch.-room of the Const. Home, leaving a balance of

	\$195 87
Hanover. — Aux.,	52 00
Total,	\$247 87

C. Home Building-Fund.

New Hampshire Branch. — For the sch.-room in the Home, \$290; Keene, Aux., 2d Cong. Ch., for parlor, \$25; Claremont, "Merry Workers," for clock for the sch.-room, \$25; Plaistow, Mrs. Mary S. Kelley, \$5; Kingston, Miss C. E. Peaslee, \$5, for sch.-room; Portsmouth, Aux., for parlor, \$51; Groton, Mr. Parker Blood, \$2,

\$403 00

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch. — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., Westford, Aux., \$10.30; Sheldon, Cong. S. S., \$8.50; Infant cl., \$1; Burlington, Aux. (of which \$25 by Mrs. Mary F. Meacham to const. L. M. Miss Emma P. Meacham), \$50; Ludlow, Aux., with prev. contri. to const., L. M.'s Miss Lizzie Patchelder and Miss Maria Pierce, \$47; Charlotte, Aux., \$14.75 towards sal'y of Mrs. Anna F. Park; North Craftsbury, Aux., \$22; Westminster, West, Miss Laura Stevens,

\$5; Georgia, Aux., \$6.75; for Grace to the Mission-circles of Rutland, \$2; Lower Waterford, Aux., \$6.25; Wells River, Aux., \$18.50; Springfield, Aux., \$17; Colchester, Aux., \$16; Brookfield, 1st. Cong. Ch., \$12; 2d Cong. Ch., \$12.50; Chester, Aux., \$7.72; Enosburg, Aux. (of which \$25 by Mrs. Nichols to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary E. Benny of Fond du Lac, Wis.), \$29; Newbury, Aux., \$17.50; Essex, a few friends, \$5; Peacham, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. E. M. Wild, \$25, \$333 77

Brattleboro'. — Aux., for Mrs. Schneider, 67 56

Clarendon. — Mrs. E. H. Stewart, 1 00

East Burke. — Mrs. P. F. Harvey, 5 00

Norwich. — Friends, \$1 each, 4 00

St. Johnsbury. — South Cong. Ch., 29 00

Total, \$440 33

MASSACHUSETTS.

Amesbury. — By B. B. to const. L. M. Mrs. Ann M. Boardman, \$25 00

Boston. — "A. D. S.," \$2; Park St. Ch., "W. J. S.," \$15; Shawmut Ch., "L.," \$13; A friend, \$5; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Monthly Pledge, \$13.50; Union Ch., Mrs. Henry F. Durant, \$50, 98 50

Burlington. — Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Charles Anderson, 25 60

Chestnut Hill. — Mrs. S. Stone, 2 00

Clinton. — Aux., towards Mrs. Giles's sal'y, 56 20

Conway. — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Austin Rice, 25 00

Dorchester. — Village Ch. Aux., 31 15

East Middleboro'. — Cong. S. S. for Mrs. Capron, 20 00

East Somerville. — Franklin St. Cong. Ch., Ladies' Mission-circle, 13 00

Grafton. — Aux., 21 00

Granby. — Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M.'s Miss Angeline Clarke and Miss Eliza C. Kellogg, 3 00

Grantville. — Salie, Fannie, and Helen, 5 00

Ludlow. — Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Sophia Southworth, Indian Orchard, and Mrs. George R. Clark, Chicopee Falls, 31 00

<i>Middleton.</i> —Aux.,	\$16 10
<i>Monson.</i> —Aux.,	67 00
<i>Newburyport.</i> —Aux., Tyler	
Mission-circle, for Mrs. Tyler,	25 00
<i>Plymouth.</i> —Aux.,	8 00
<i>Reading.</i> —Old South. Ch. S. S.,	
cl No. 5,	7 35
<i>Richmond.</i> —“M.,”	4 50
<i>Sherburne.</i> —Mrs. Aaron Green-	
wood,	2 00
<i>Southampton.</i> —Aux. (of which	
\$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Rev.	
E. Fitz), \$35; Hattie Searle's	
S. S. c., \$1,	36 00
<i>South Weymouth.</i> —Union Ch.,	
Aux., towards pupil in Miss	
Townsend's sch.,	15 00
<i>Spencer.</i> —Aux.,	4 25
<i>Townsend.</i> —Cong. S. S.,	3 00
<i>Uxbridge.</i> —Aux., of which \$25	
to const. L. M. Mrs. Adol-	
phus Chapin,	41 00
<i>Winchester.</i> —“Seek and Save	
Soc'y,” \$15; Aux., by Mrs. H.	
Parker, to const. L. M. Mrs.	
Eugenia E. Palmer, \$25,	40 00
<i>Worcester.</i> —Aux., Central Ch.,	
a friend, to const. L. M. Mrs.	
D. M. Sanford, \$25; Old	
South Ch., \$19.63;	44 63
<i>Yarmouth.</i> —Woman's Miss'y	
Circle,	5 30
Total,	\$675 58

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Auburndale.</i> —“H. M. D.,”	
Thank-offering,	\$5 00

RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Pawtucket.</i> —“K.,”	5 00
Total,	\$5 00

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Berlin.</i> —Aux.,	\$29 00
<i>Darien.</i> —“Ox Ridge Mission-	
circle,” \$2; “Sunbeams,” for	
pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch.,	
\$30, and one in Miss Payson's	
sch., \$40—\$70,	72 00
<i>Hartford.</i> —Aux., Park Ch.	
add'l,	5 00
<i>Killingly.</i> —“Dayville, Youths'	
Mission-circle” to const. L.	
M.'s Mrs. Betsey W. Ams-	
bury, Mrs. Phebe Field, Es-	
telle M. Curtis, Clara M.	
Evans, Ida L. Cogswell; Re-	
sult of baby-show and fair,	130 00
<i>New Haven.</i> —A friend,	100 00
<i>South Norwalk.</i> —Young La-	

dies' Mission-band for pupil	
in the Hartford Fem. Sem.,	\$40 00
Total,	\$376 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Hartford.</i> —Aux., for teachers'	
dining-room to be called the	
“Hartford Room,”	\$350 00

NEW YORK.

<i>Franklin.</i> —Aux., to const. L.	
M. Mrs. M. M. Hine,	\$25 00
<i>Madison.</i> —Aux.,	25 00
<i>Penn Yan.</i> —Mrs. Charles A.	
Sheppard,	50 00
<i>Spencerport.</i> —Ladies' Soc'y	
Cong. Ch., towards pupil in	
Harpoot Fem. Sem.,	30 00
Total,	\$130 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Philadelphia Branch</i> —Mrs. A.	
W. Goodell, Treas., Mont-	
clair, Aux., \$38.25; Orange,	
Aux., \$18.50, of which \$7	
paid for Miss Proctor's travel-	
ing-expenses, \$11.50; “Or-	
ange-Buds” (of which \$10	
for Rebecca, and \$45 for Miss	
Gouldy), \$55,	\$124 75
Total,	\$124 75

ILLINOIS.

<i>Onarga.</i> —Mrs. Lydia C. Foster,	\$24 50
Total,	\$24 50

TENNESSEE.

<i>Coal Creek.</i> —“Faithful Work-	
ers,”	\$3 70
Total,	\$3 70

Sale of flowers by Mrs. Abra-	
ham at Rutland,	\$13 25
Total,	\$13 25

Donations,	\$2,260 27
<i>C. Home Building-Fund,</i>	753 00
“Life and Light,”	214 85
“Echoes,”	16 50
Weekly Pledge,	7 76
Leaflets,	14 98
Interest on temporary invest-	
ments,	348 99
Total,	\$3,621 35

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

AFRICA.

LETTER FROM MISS LINDLEY.

INANDA, May 27.

IF you had been a missionary, you would understand why we are so afraid of writing about any of the bright, interesting cases of conversion; for, oh! it is so often that they fall back, and lose the "light." This makes us timid and silent. I could have interested the readers of "Life and Light" with the history of a young woman who came to us to inquire about God. She said when she was a child, she heard her mother say to the other woman in the kraal, "If you will ask the King of heaven to take care of your garden, not a wild pig nor baboon will trouble it. I always pray, and the King takes care of mine." "I have wanted ever since to hear about the King above: I have now come to hear about him." She seemed in earnest, and soon learned to read, and would come to our bedroom, and ask us to talk and pray with her. Once she brought four other little girls with her; and a very solemn hour, never to be forgotten, was spent in our room that night. They all felt that their sins were forgiven, and, as they expressed it, "We see Jesus now." But this young woman astonished us with her words of faith and love. She took her Testament, and said she must go home to tell them in the kraals what she had learned. Her uncle, who is a believer, and lives at our station, told me that she did read the Testament night and day to all in the kraal, and prayed

with all; that he never heard any thing like it. She returned to us, and was taken dangerously ill. We nursed her tenderly, for we loved her; and my mother saw in her what she had been praying for,—a Bible-reader. Well, after a severe illness she recovered, and said she must go home to tell them more about Jesus; for she had been fed by him while ill. She talked as beautifully as any dying saint could do. She never returned. We heard that she had another illness; and people declared she had the gift of prophecy, and that she was made a witch-doctor by this illness; and they believed that she performed most wonderful cures. I have heard that she kept her Testament very carefully, but never read it any more. She is, so far as I know, still doctoring. This was one of the brightest cases of deep spiritual feeling that I ever knew; but see the end! Persuaded by her relatives and friends that she had passed through a state that made her a great doctor of diseases and witchcraft, her mind has evidently given way, and lost its balance. I would go to see her, if a horse could go through that broken country; but her uncle tells me I would have to go on foot: so I have given up the idea.

The useful women, those who are earnestly working, and trying to do right, and who rejoice that the truth is slowly gaining ground, are not those who were brilliant and *talked* beautifully, but the ones we thought stupid, and not able to *feel* much; but they *hold on*, and improve every year. Rebecca and Mawele are such characters. Mawele said to me last week, “I like to go to one of the out-stations on Sunday; for the women are anxious to hear about Jesus. One woman said, ‘Oh! tell me if it is really true that Jesus died for us. You must teach me to pray.’”

Mrs. Edwards and I frequently go with some of the seminary girls to the nearest out-station, a few miles from here. We are trying to teach the girls that they must be

the teachers of their tribes. I was much pleased when several old women called me last sabbath, and asked me to be sure to let Momtimba return the next sabbath to teach them, "For she tells us so much about Jesus!" These ten naked old women were such ugly old things, their faces reminding me of old decayed apples: yet they may be found in heaven; for they assured me that they have, for many years, been praying, and that they "believe very much."

The old heathen fathers are now alarmed; for their daughters are running away from home to the seminary "to learn:" but we have to give them up when their fathers come for them. This is very painful to us. I asked one girl why they were wishing to learn. She looked surprised, and said, "Does any one wish to learn who does not believe? I wish to learn because I believe; and I pray every day." We think the "History of Civilization in Africa" will be written many years hence; but it will be written, for the seed is springing up in so many places. Though the stony ground and sun kill a good deal of it, yet there is some "good ground."

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS CHAPIN.

PEKING, July 9, 1874.

LAST sabbath was a happy day with us; for four of our girls came to the Lord's table for the first time. They have all, for nearly a year, said that they loved the Saviour, and that they wished to confess him before men. But we thought best to have them wait a while to test them. Their lives have been exemplary; and we felt well satisfied of the sincerity and earnestness of their purpose to follow Jesus.

Now, as they are about to go to their heathen homes for a while, we felt it would be a help to them to have committed themselves publicly as disciples of the Lord. They will feel more courage, as well as obligation, to take a Christian stand before their friends. One of these girls is Sala. She seemed to feel that the vows of consecration to God which her father took on her behalf at her baptism imposed upon her the obligation to live a Christian life; and from that time she has appeared to be conscientiously and faithfully striving to please the Saviour in all her life. She said she loved him, and intended to live for him, and would be glad to unite with the church. We thought it best to gratify her desire, though she is younger than the other girls. They call her fourteen, though I presume in reality she is not over thirteen. Eight of our girls are now professors of religion; and another one from Tung Cho we hope may be received during this vacation.

Home Department.

TWO MISSIONARY WOMEN.

CYNTHIA FARRAR.

BY MRS. H. E. BAKER.

CYNTHIA FARRAR had a different, to us it appears a more exalted mission-work. But "least" and "greatest" may hereafter come to have different significations to our minds from those we now give them.

Miss Farrar left America in 1827 or 1828. She had

been a successful teacher in Boston, but was led to think of becoming a missionary in connection with matrimonial prospects. Just here there is an element of romance in her history, which may not be dwelt upon at length. Suffice it to say, those prospects were not realized, through no fault of her own; and the paths of the parties lay wide apart forever. Having put her hand to the plough, Miss Farrar was not one to look back, and she went *alone*.

Her field was in India; and she had for her associates such men and women as the Graveses, the Burgesses, and others whose names are venerated in missionary annals. By these she was held in high regard, her counsels often sought, and her judgment much respected. She was not only a teacher, but a housekeeper also, and in this position commanded the respect and esteem of both natives and English residents near whom she lived. In reply to some unfriendly criticisms on the keeping of servants by mission families, she once said, after stating circumstances in vindication of the custom, that, of sixteen girls who had lived with her at different times, she had reason to believe all, or nearly all, were no longer idolaters; and several gave evidence of true change of heart. Can many of us point to a like successful endeavor in American households? Testimonials of regard were at different times sent her by her friends of the English residency, both in Bombay and in Calcutta; and once, when her horse fell with her, and was killed, a new and more valuable animal, with equipments complete, was presented her by some of these, with most flattering expressions of the esteem in which they held both her and her work. Though of different church relations from herself, they yet recognized, and thus acknowledged, her worth and the value of her labors.

To her more immediate associates, also, she greatly endeared herself by her comforting ministrations in times

of sickness and sorrow, as may be incidentally learned from her letters, still in possession of relatives. Of her death I have no particulars; but she was full of days, and had finished her work. Her name shall be had in everlasting remembrance. Her record is on high.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM SEPT. 15 TO OCT. 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Cleveland.</i> — Aux. of Heights Ch., Mrs. V. Lamson, Treas.,	\$27 35
<i>Dresden.</i> — Rev. S. P. Hildreth, for Rahel's lawsuit, by Mrs. Coffing,	5 00
<i>Elyria.</i> — Aux., Mrs. George H. Ely, Treas.,	100 00
<i>Hudson.</i> — Aux., for support of native teacher in Madura Mission, Mrs. L. M. Brewster, Treas., \$5; by Emma C. Johnson, \$20; from "a friend," for salary of two Bible-readers in the Madura Mission, by Miss Metcalf, \$20,	45 00
<i>Madison.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons,	11 00
<i>Marietta.</i> — Aux., for support of Pauka Dachora of Samokov, Ellen Shipman, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for Mrs. Mumford's salary to const. Mrs. M. D. P. Cowles and Mrs. A. Gilchrist L.M.'s., E. E. Peck, Treas.,	65 00
<i>Painesville.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons,	105 51
<i>Saybrook.</i> — Aux., \$3.50; Austinburg, Aux., \$10.50; Conneaut, Aux., \$30, by Mrs. S. W. Street-er,	44 00
Total,	\$427 86

MICHIGAN.

<i>Bedford.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. L. Crane, Treas.,	\$10 00
<i>Charlotte.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. C. Lacy, Treas.,	20 24
<i>Detroit.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing, Mrs. E. C. Hinsdale, Treas., \$100; Young La-	

dies' Mission-circle for support of Bible-reader in Nicomedia, Martha L. Miller, Treas., \$33; "Sunbeams" of 1st Cong. Ch. for the school at Battalagundu, by Mrs. M. R. Eddy, \$10,	143 00
<i>Eaton Rapids.</i> — Aux., for the support of Mrs. Watkins of Mexico,	16 10
<i>Flint.</i> — Aux., for support of Elenka of Samokov, and with previous contributions to const. Mrs. W. S. Neale, Mrs. G. H. Holman, Mrs. E. L. Bangs, and Mrs. W. L. Smith L. M.'s., Mrs. G. H. Holman, Treas.,	24 63
<i>Jackson.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. Melville McGee, Mrs. L. F. Grandy, and Mrs. H. M. Branch L. M.'s., Mrs. George H. Lathrop, Treas.,	75 00
<i>Kalamo.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. Ackley, Treas.,	6 16
<i>Morence.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. M. Rothrock, Treas.,	7 50
<i>North Adams.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. Schaad, Treas.,	8 89
<i>Owosso.</i> — Aux., for school at Tallas, Mrs. E. F. Guile, Treas.,	24 62
<i>Vermontville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. C. Hammond, Treas.,	21 00
Total,	\$357 14

INDIANA.

<i>Fort Wayne.</i> — Aux., L. A. Kimball, Treas.,	\$16 00
<i>Michigan City.</i> — Aux., with previous contributions to const. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. C. W. Peck L. M.'s., Helen M. Kent, Treas.,	18 00
Total,	\$34 00

ILLINOIS.

<i>Amboy</i> . — Aux., and S. S. by Mrs. W. B. Andrus,	\$10 98
<i>Blue Island</i> . — Aux.,	10 00
<i>Canton</i> . — Aux., Miss C. J. Graham, Treas.,	23 32
<i>Champaign</i> . — Aux., for pupil in Miss Maltbie's school, Turkey, M. J. Bragg, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Chesterfield</i> . — Aux., Mrs. L. M. Lawson, Sec.,	12 00
<i>Chicago</i> . — 1st Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, Mrs. Whitteley, Treas., \$96; 47th St. Ch. Aux., Mrs. Purington, Treas., \$26; Leavitt St. Ch., Aux., to const. Mrs. J. W. Shaw L. M., Mrs. J. R. Dewey, Treas., \$25; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$18; Union Park Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Rendall (of which \$35 is from Mrs. A. E. Kent of San Rafael, Cal., \$25 from Mrs. S. A. Kent, to const. her daughter Stella A. Kent a L.M.: with the remainder, Mrs. Eliza Phelps Cook and Miss Fanny E. Farrar are constituted L. M.'s.), Mrs. R. E. Jenkins, Treas., \$185,	350 00
<i>Danvers</i> — Aux., Mabel Hastings, Treas.,	5 20
<i>Elgin</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. G. P. Lord, Treas.,	49 23
<i>Evanston</i> . — Aux. for salary of Miss Porter,	27 35
<i>Farmington</i> . — Aux., with previous contributions to const. Mrs. W. Chapman and Mrs. M. A. Cone L.M.'s., Mrs. M. J. Erwin, Treas.,	40 00
<i>Galesburg</i> . — Aux., Mrs. H. S. Hurd, Treas.,	22 58
<i>Geneva</i> . — Aux., Mrs. A. E. Coc, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Glencoe</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Bishop,	38 12
<i>Granville</i> . — Aux., Miss L. Warren, Treas.,	14 00
<i>Jacksonville</i> . — Aux., of which \$21 fulfils the pledge to Miss Evans's salary, Abbie E. King, Treas.,	70 00
<i>Kewanee</i> . — Aux., for support of pupil in Samokov, Mrs. W. T. Smith, Treas.,	20 00
<i>Lisbon</i> . — Aux., \$25 of which const. Mrs. Ethel Howard a L.M.. L. S. Langdon, Treas.,	28 00
<i>Naperville</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley. \$25 of which is from the 'Willing Workers,' Mrs. S. W. Smith, Treas.,	42 50

<i>Oak Park</i> . — Aux., for school at Manissa, Mrs. H. M. Sherman, Treas.,	\$26 00
<i>Ontario</i> . — Aux., with previous contributions to const. Mrs. M. J. Leffingwell a L. M., Mrs. E. Crane, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Ottawa</i> . — Aux., Mrs. E. N. Lewis, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Peoria</i> . — Aux. Mrs. A. M. Hansel, Treas.	10 00
<i>Princeton</i> . — Aux., Mrs. Converse, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Payson</i> . — Aux., Miss Thompson, Treas.,	6 25
<i>Polo</i> . — Aux., Mrs. K. M. Pearson,	6 00
<i>Quincy</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, E. Littlefield, Treas.,	11 25
<i>Roseville</i> . — Aux., for pupil in Samokov, Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Rockford</i> . — Collection taken when Miss Rankin was present, \$74 56, the remainder from 2d Ch. Aux., Mrs. W. A. Talcott, Treas., \$275.54; Aux. of 1st Ch. for pupil in Miss Porter's school, Mrs. H. J. Harding, Sec., \$22,	297 54
<i>Springfield</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Mrs. C. L. Post, Sec.,	62 50
<i>Wheaton</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. C. D. Bissell, Treas.,	12 00
<i>Waverly</i> — Aux., for Miss Evans' salary for 1875, F. A. Thayer, Treas.,	20 00
<i>Rockford Seminary</i> , of which \$40 from junior class for a pupil in Miss Porter's school, by Miss Anna P. Sill,	72 50
Total,	\$1,347 32

WISCONSIN.

<i>Beliot</i> — Aux., Mrs. Anna B. Keep to const. herself a L. M.,	\$25 00
<i>Bloomington</i> . — Aux., Miss M. A. Garside, Treas.,	6 00
<i>Burlington</i> . — Aux., Mrs. A. W. Curtis, Sec.,	5 00
<i>Delevan</i> . — Aux., for Bible-reader in the Madura Mission, Mrs. J. Collins, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Deperere</i> . — Aux., Mrs. H. J. Wheeler, Treas.,	12 00
<i>Eau Claire</i> . — Aux., of which \$25 is to const. Mrs. J. F. Dudley a L. M., Mrs. A. T. Mayhew, Sec.,	31 50
<i>Fond du Lac</i> . — Aux., Mrs. W. B. Barker, Treas.,	19 20

<i>Fort Atkinson.</i> — Aux., Mrs. F. H. Montague, Treas.,	\$22 65
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. L. Hill, Treas.,	62 40
<i>La Crosse.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. A. Bacheller, Treas.,	18 00
<i>Milwaukee.</i> — Aux., of Spring St. Ch. for salary of Marta of Samokov to const. Mrs. Geo. T. Ladd a L. M., by Mrs. S. D. Arnold,	25 00
<i>Menasha.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. E. Rounds, Treas.,	12 75
<i>New London.</i> — Aux., H. Patterson, Treas.,	3 20
<i>Platteville.</i> — Aux., Ellen Marshall, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Ripon.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. Eliza Dawes and Mrs. James White L.M.'s, Mrs. M. M. Cook, Treas.,	50 00
<i>Waukesha.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Ch. W. Camp, Tr., \$15; "a Christian woman for heathen women," by Rev. Ch. W. Camp, \$100,	115 00
<i>Whitewater.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, Mrs. R. Coburn, Treas.,	13 45
<i>West Salem.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. Clark, Treas.,	21 33
Total,	\$477 48

IOWA.

<i>Anamosa.</i> — Aux., Jennie Chapman, Treas.,	\$10 25
<i>Chester.</i> — Aux., Mrs. John Lightner, Sec.,	21 00
<i>Davenport.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Geo. Wing, Treas.,	14 25
<i>Des Moines.</i> — Aux., for Miss Hillis's salary, \$72.30; Plymouth Ch. S. S., for Miss Porter's work in China, Mrs. Adie L. Atkins, Treas.,	88 18
<i>Dubuque.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Jane R. Bingham, Treas., \$55; Mrs. N. G. Millard, \$13,	68 00
<i>Grinnell.</i> — Aux., for Miss Hillis's salary, \$131; S. S. class, for Miss Hillis's salary, \$10; a few young ladies, for Miss Hillis's salary, \$10,	151 00
<i>Independence.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. J. Houseman, Treas.,	8 00
<i>Lansing.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. H. Houghton, Treas.,	38 00
<i>Marion.</i> — Aux., Mrs. B. H. Nott, Treas.,	23 82
<i>McGregor.</i> — Aux., for Bible-readers in Harpoot, Mrs. R. Grant, Sec.,	17 60
<i>Ogden.</i> — Aux., for Mrs. Bissell's school at Ahmednuggur,	14 00

EVANSTON, Oct. 17, 1874.

<i>Polk City.</i> — Aux., \$12; "Buds of Promise," \$5; Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Sec.,	\$17 00
<i>Tabor.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. A. Todd, Sec.,	12 00
<i>Sibley.</i> — Aux., \$4.15; "Sibley Helpers," \$1.52; monthly concert, \$1.93; Mrs. Ellen R. Dean, Treas.,	7 60
<i>Waterloo.</i> — Aux., of which \$50 from Mrs. O. C. Miller is for the support of a Bible-reader in Zeitoun, the remainder is for the school at Marash, and, with previous contributions, constitutes Mrs. O. W. Ellsworth, Mrs. J. H. Leavitt, Miss A. A. Cook, and Miss Allie Forry, L.M.'s., Mrs. L. Hurlbut, Sec.,	76 00
Total,	\$566 60

MINNESOTA.

<i>Austin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. W. W. Brownson, Treas.,	\$18 00
<i>Mankato.</i> — Mrs. Sarah Taylor,	1 00
<i>Rochester.</i> — Aux., Miss Mary Porter, Sec.,	13 18
<i>Winona.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Van Duzee, Miss Hatch Treas.,	50 00
Total,	\$82 18

DAKOTA TERRITORY.

<i>Yankton.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 to const. Mrs. J. N. Higbee a L. M., Mrs. Sarah F. Ward, Sec.,	\$50 86
Total,	\$50 86

KANSAS.

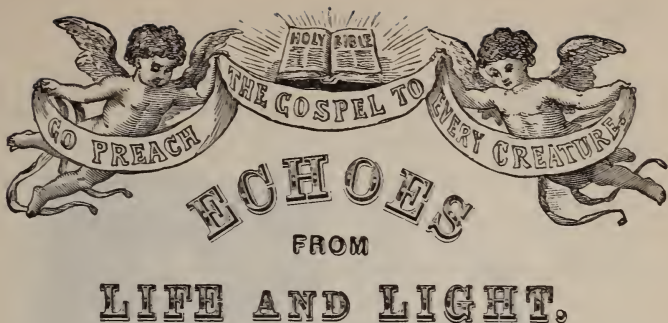
<i>Leavenworth.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. W. Ide, Treas.,	\$10 00
<i>Manhattan.</i> — Aux., F. A. Moses, Treas.,	6 50
<i>Waubonsa.</i> — Aux.,	4 10
Total,	\$20 60

NEBRASKA.

<i>Calla.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. N. Niles, Treas.,	\$5 00
Total,	\$5 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

From Mrs. Coffing, for Rachel's lawsuit,	\$1 00
Total,	\$3,370 64



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PALANQUIN TRAVELLING.

BY MR. W. B. CAPRON.



THE first thought of those of our young friends who have never before seen a picture of a palanquin must be that this is a very lazy and luxurious way of travelling, — to be carried in such a style upon the shoulders of men. There is the box-like vehicle, with sliding doors on each side; and we can see that a mat or mattress is spread inside, and the passenger is stretched at full-length, riding feet-foremost, and, very likely, is fast asleep. A peep within would disclose to us several arrangements for the comfort of the traveller, — pillows for his head, a shelf above his feet for his hat or turban, or for newspapers, and a book or two, and under the shelf a shallow drawer for writing-paper or toilet articles. Articles of clothing are tucked in here and there; but the bearers grumble at any increase of their load, and expect that baggage will be carried by a cooly, or will follow by some other conveyance.



A full set of bearers numbers twelve: six carry the palanquin at a time, while the other six run alongside, ready to take their turn at the end of a mile or two. The thirteenth man carries a torch, which is a long but slender roll of cotton-cloth, one end being saturated with oil, and set on fire. The torch-bearer carries oil in a little earthen pot, besides his torch; that is, like the wise virgins, "oil in his vessel with his lamp."

The bearers move along at a pace something more than a fast walk, almost a trot, and readily make four or five miles an hour. They sing, or hum, and respond, in a monotonous manner, quite conducive to the sleep of the traveller, and probably helpful to themselves in keeping step as they run. It is an unmistakable sound, and, when heard at a distance, sets all ears agog. "A palanquin, a palanquin! Who can it be? The collector, or judge, or some native from the palace?" "Oh, ho! Ho, ho! Oh, ho! Ho, ho!" And the hunderd voices approach nearer and nearer, becoming confused with the sound of hurrying steps, and are opposite us. If it be in the daytime, the bearers look dusty and weary: if in the night, the flaring torch, just discovering the form of the palanquin, and the half-naked figures of the bearers, give a very romantic appearance to the scene.

But the palanquin is rapidly going by; and any of our young friends who want a ride will have to hurry up. It was a vehicle for old times, when roads were scarce, and people travelled along foot-paths. Now there are good roads, and even railways, in India; and people may travel in carts and bullock-coaches and the cars. The rich and pretentious, like the *rajahs*, or native kings, still travel in palanquins; the sick, also, sometimes; and ladies on special and troublesome journeys, as in ascending the mountains.



CONFUCIUS, THE CHINESE SAGE.

DID you ever hear of Confucius, little reader? If not, there is one very distinguished person about whom the Chinese boys know more than you do. They would tell you that he was a wonderfully wise man, who lived twenty-five hundred years ago, and that nearly all their school-books were made up from his maxims and teachings. They would say that there were tablets dedicated to him in all their schoolrooms, before which incense is kept constantly burning, and to which every boy must bow, when he first goes into the room. They would not dare to speak his sacred name, which is Cheu; if they should find the word in any of their books, they must call it Mow. If you should go into a Chinese school, you would see four or five boys

standing before the desk, with books in their hands containing Confucius' wise sayings, reading the sentences after the teacher, till they know them by heart. For instance, the teacher reads, "*Jin chí tsu, sing pun sheu : Sing siang kin, sih siang yuen :*" then all the pupils cry out together, "*Jin chí tsu, sing pun sheu : Sing siang kin, sih siang yuen.*" They do not understand the meaning of what they say, but that makes no difference : they must repeat it over and over again till they know it perfectly, when they are required to "back it," as it is called ; that is, to stand with their backs to their teacher while reciting it. So you see, they have good reason to know about Confucius ; and I don't think we could blame them, if they thought he was rather a tiresome individual.

Besides being the author of books full of wisdom and learning, this remarkable man was the founder of a great religion. There are several thousand temples in China erected to his memory ; and he is worshipped as a god by a great many people, more than sixty thousand animals being sacrificed in his honor every year. In their religious service a short history of his life is given ; and hymns are sung in his praise like the following :—

" Confucius, Confucius ! How great is Confucius !
 Before Confucius there never was a Confucius :
 Since Confucius there never has been a Confucius :
 Confucius, Confucius ! How great is Confucius ! "

The teachings of Confucius have had a great influence upon thousands in China ; and perhaps, if he were on the earth now, he would think he had partially succeeded in the great object of his life, which, he said, was " To open the eyes of myriads of ages, and to thunder in the ears, and to brighten the vision, of ten thousand generations of men that should live under the whole heavens."

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Auburn*. — “Auburn Mission-Circle,” \$42.13.
Bangor. — “Bangor Mills,” \$5.00.
Bath. — Central Church “Mission-Circle,” \$25.00.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Nashua*. — “Messenger Birds,” \$4.00.
Peterborough. — “Willing Hearts,” \$1.17.
Claremont. — “Merry Workers,” \$50.00.
Kensington. — “Willing Workers,” \$5.00.
Salem. — “Raindrops,” \$2.00.
- VERMONT. — *Sheldon*. — Infant-Circle Congregational S. S., \$1.00.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Grantville*. — Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, \$5.00.
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 THE STAR IN THE EAST.

HARPOOT, July 24, 1874.

DEAR YOUNG WORKERS BEYOND THE SEAS, — I am requested by our little mission-circle, “The Star in the East,” to write you, and send greetings from every member of the society, organized on the 20th of July, under the great walnut-tree in front of our house, at the Garden Retreat.

If you wish to know more about this new circle, come with me, and I will introduce you. Here are three missionary mothers surrounded by their children. Lessons for the day are over; the table is covered with work of various kinds; and the boys and girls are almost wild with the idea that they are to enter upon a new plan of being useful. Bertie Allen is a polite boy: you see he is coming with chairs for you. Or perhaps you prefer cushions, and would like to sit in Oriental style. Here is Emma Barnum with her cushion for you. Her hair and eyes are black; and you see she is so much interested, that she wishes to put all her savings in Bertie's box for the perishing heathen. Bertie is the treasurer. Susie Wheeler, with blue eyes and flaxen hair, is busy ripping the band from a dress for her mother, for which she is to have five *paras*, — one half of a cent. Annie Allen sits yonder on a mat by her mother, with sparkling eyes, and long ringlets that are never still, but which keep fluttering and waving, much like the tall, graceful poplars just a little way off, near the fountain. Hattie Barnum, our baby of three years and seven months, is standing by her mother's knee with her earnest black eyes open wider than ever, as if asking, "Mamma, what can I do?" We propose to Bertie that he be our artist, promising to furnish him with engravings to color, which could be used in our schools. He affirms that he can sew as well as the girls; and, going to his mother, he takes the side of a shirt to sew. He is quite successful; so that he will not lack employment.

We have a president, secretary, and treasurer; and we have voted to meet every Monday afternoon during our stay at the Retreat. We may not be able to meet so often when we go back to the city. The children are discussing the various ways of raising money; and it is proposed that all the grown people at the station be invited to join as honorary members, and become voters, by paying one

piastre. The younger members think they will gather fruit and dry it, and sell it to their mammas to send it to the needy helpers; and so we shall be a home missionary society too.

You are in the New World, and we far off in the Old; but we extend our hands to you, and ask you to join with us in the song the angels sang on Bethlehem's plain, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men." What a happy day that will be when the children of all lands shall join in this song of praise, and the angels shall come again, not to announce the babe of Bethlehem, but the coming of the King of kings, who shall sit on his great white throne in the heavens, and receive the homage of a redeemed world!

Yours in behalf of "The Star in the East."

S. A. WHEELER.

ENIGMA.

BY MISS ALICE KIMBALL.

My 7, 23, 29, 37, is David's great-grandmother.

My 36, 6, 19, 24, 10, 26, 26, 20, 21, 16, 12, 28, 9, is the length of time Solomon was building the temple.

My 5, 22, 28, 35, 20, 4, 25, 8, 3, 20, 30, is one of Paul's epistles.

My 11, 27, 28, 34, 2, is a well three days' journey from the Red Sea.

My 14, 22, 15, 28, 13, is money paid by the bridegroom to the friends of the bride, in olden times.

My 31, 26, 18, 35, 3, 17, is a name sometimes given to Satan.

My 33, 22, 29, 1, 32, is the number of years Solomon reigned.

My whole is a desire of Paul for the Ephesians.

ANSWERS TO ENIGMA.

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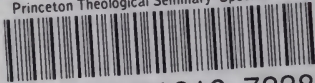
We have received correct answers to the enigma in the October number, from A. E. N., West Pittsfield, Mass., N. W. C. H., and W. W. H., Winchester, Mass.

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